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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Gabriel (Vallianatos) Vallas of Brimfield on Thursday, September 22, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Vallas was born on August 17, 1921, in Williamsfield to Noufris and Mary Ensley Vallas; he married Idora E. Clark on August 22, 1942; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Vallas worked for N.E. Finch for twenty-five years; in 1984, he retired as a truck driver; he was a member of Teamsters Local 627 in Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Vallas was a member and past Worthy President of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 265 in Peoria; he was also a member of Horeb Lodge 363 AF&AM in Elmwood and an associate member of the Fraternal Order of Police; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Vallas attended Edwards United methodist Church in Edwards; and

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WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his wife, his son, George, a grandson, five brothers, and one sister; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Gabriel (Vallianatos) Vallas has been deeply felt by many, especially his daughter, Donna Sue (Dennis) Hopwood; his three sons, Carl (Paula) Vallianatos, Kenneth (Janet) Vallas, and Donald (Janet) Vallianatos; his four sisters; his brother; his thirteen grandchildren; his nineteen great-grandchildren; and his great-great grandson; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Gabriel (Vallianatos) Vallas, and we extend our sincerest

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1     condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
2     him; and be it further

3             RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4     presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
5     sympathy for their loss.